

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION

OF: HESSE ET AL.

SERIAL NO. 10/516,922

FILED: DECEMBER 07, 2004

FOR: TWO-STAGE PROCESS FOR PREPARING BUTANEDIOL WITH INTERMEDIATE
REMOVAL OF SUCCINIC ANHYDRIDE

DOCKET NO.: PF 53620

CONFIRMATION NO.: 7432

GROUP ART UNIT: 1621

EXAMINER: K. GALE

Honorable Commissioner

for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of September 12, 2006, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks and the attached amendments¹⁾ be entered and considered for further prosecution of the above-identified application. The fee for two additional depending claims in excess of 20 in the total amount of \$100.00 fee is paid herewith by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including Extension of Time fees, to Deposit Account No. 14.1437. Please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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Encl.: SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS (Appendix I)

CLAIM AMENDMENTS (Appendix II)

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1) Cf. the **Specification Amendments** set forth in Appendix I on pages 6 and 7 of this paper, and the **Claim Amendments** set forth in Appendix II on pages 8 to 11 of this paper.